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- ☒ 2. The references 3-5 were cited in the International Search Report. An English language version of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information. According to the Notification of Acceptance in this file, copies of the references are already in the PTO file. Thus additional copies of the references are not attached.
- ☒ 3. The present application was filed or entered the U.S. National Stage of the PCT after June 30, 2003. In accordance with the June 11, 2003, Notice waiving the requirements of 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.
- ☒ 4. U.S. Patent Nos. 5,945,054 and 4,702,876 are family members of WO 9,715,706 and EP 0168879, respectively.

- ☒ 5. EP 0 904 431 discussed in the specification is the same as WO 97/15706 identified in the International Search Report.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS
	1	5,945,054	08/31/1999	Meerman et al.		
	2	4,702,876	10/27/1987	Ebregt et al.		
	3	4,320,081	03/16/1982	Lammers		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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	4	WO 97/15706	01/05/1997	WIPO		
	5	EP 0 168 879 A1	01/2/1986	Europe		
	6	JP 02 112409 A (with Abstract)	04/25/1990	Japan		

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)	

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